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MR. REAP: You have seen the list of the Secretary's appointments. I have another one to add, that is that at 12:30, in three and a half minutes, he will have lunch with some Ambassadors on the eighth floor. I have a list of the Ambassadors here. In addition to the Secretary, the hosts will be Mr. Talbot and Mr. Harriman. The guests, all of these are His Excellency, are: Nong Kimny, Ambassador of Cambodia; Tran Van Chuong, Ambassador of Viet-Nam; Sheikh Abdullah Al-Khayyal, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia; Koichiro Asakai, Ambassador of Japan--shall I just give you the Ambassador's places? Ambassador of Afghanistan; Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; the Chinese Ambassador; the Philippines Ambassador; the Greek Ambassador; Malayan Ambassador. I have given you three Americans. And Angier Biddle Duke, Chief of Protocol also will be there.

Q What kind of a menu will they have?

[Laughs]

A I don't know what they will have.

Q Is this something new, Joe?

A Well, this is--I don't know that the Secretary

statement that he was informed that Chairman Khrushchev is expected to come to the United Nations?

MR. REAP: No comment on the statement itself. We just have no information whatever that Mr. Khrushchev is coming here.

Q Was this question brought up?

MR. REAP: It was not.

Q Joe, does the Department have any comment on the Miami report of 4,000 Russians appearing in Cuba?

MR. REAP: We have no such information whatsoever.

Q Joe, Bustamante, the Jamaican Prime Minister, said that--sort of offered a base for the United States yesterday in his statement. Did the State Department see that?

MR. REAP: Yes.

Q Do we have any comment?

MR. REAP: We have seen the press reports of it, yes.

Q Do we have any comment to make on it?

MR. REAP: No, I have no comment. If you mean by "comment", do we have any plans or the like, I don't know of any.

Q Well, do we plan to make use of this offer?

MR. REAP: I just haven't looked into it that fully.